

LII.—*Descriptions of two new Species of Sun-birds from the Island of Hainan, South China.* By ROBERT SWINHOE, F.Z.S.

Æthopyga Christinae, n. sp.

Crown of the head and back of the neck deep purplish black, with beautiful dark metallic-green and coppery reflections; sides of the face and neck, and the back, of the same colour without reflections; throat and breast rich marooned, the former flanked along the maxillæ with a line of dark roundish feathers shot with steel-blue, green, and purple. Scapulars rich brownish olive, the same colour tinging the black of the back, and becoming greener as it broadly edges the wing-coverts and secondary quills. Feathers of the wing hair-brown, the primaries only slightly edged with olive. Rump canary-yellow. Upper tail-coverts, two central tail-feathers, and outer edge (more or less) of all the rest but the outer feather glossy metallic dark green; under part of central rectrices and the main portions of all the others black, the three outer ones being tipped with white increasing in extent to the outer feather. Tail of twelve graduated feathers, the two central with elongated tips. Below the maroon breast crosses a band of olive-green, fading into the dingy yellowish white of the under parts. Axillaries white, with a primrose wash; inner edges to quills creamy white.

Bill blackish brown, paler on the lower mandible. Irides deep brown. Legs leaden grey, with brownish claws.

Length about $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches; wing 2; tail 2, including the protracted tips, which measure $\frac{4}{10}$; bill from forehead $\frac{5}{8}$, well curved, and somewhat thick.

I procured this novel and beautiful species in the mountainous region of central Hainan. The above description is taken from three male specimens. I unfortunately did not succeed in procuring a female.

Arachnechthra rhizophoræ, n. sp.

Closely allied to *A. flammaxillaris* from the Tennasserim provinces, from which it differs by having the forehead to the top of the crown black, with steel reflections of purple, blue, and green.

Length about $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches; wing 2; tail $1\frac{5}{12}$; bill $\frac{5}{8}$, bending downwards from its middle.

This is a very common species throughout Hainan, among the mountains as well as among the marshes of the coast.